

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

August 17, 2017 to September 6, 2017

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal activity to determine whether it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The CZM Program seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Department of the Navy

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy) proposes the transition of the remaining F/A-18 A/C/D Hornet aircraft operated by fleet squadrons based at Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana in Virginia Beach to the F/A-18 E/F Super Hornets, and the retirement of the F-18 A/C/D Hornet aircraft operated by the Fleet Replacement Squadron. The proposed transition would involve an approximate one-for-one aircraft replacement. The transition would occur gradually, beginning as early as 2018. The purpose of the transition is to provide newer, more capable and reliable aircraft to the NAS Oceana-based strike fighter community. The proposed action does not involve land-disturbing activities, coastal construction, or ocean-based activities. The action would result in an increase of approximately 62 personnel. This consistency determination is submitted as a residual category pursuant to the federal consistency regulation 15 CFR 930.31(c).

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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